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## **REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES**

Each objection and rejection levied against claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 12-21 is traversed.

Claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 12-21 have been cancelled, obviating any rejections. These cancellations have not been made to avoid any reference, or double patenting rejections, and instead the cancellations are made to expedite prosecution. Applicants specifically maintain their right to present the rejected claims in a continuation application and maintain their claims to any equivalents of the cancelled claims.

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## **CONCLUSION**

The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, and 11 as listed herein fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested.

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